

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of Luuk HIJLKEMA et al.
Group Art Unit: 3726 (Anticipated)
Application No.: Unassigned
Examiner: Jermie E. Cozart (Anticipated)
Filed: Herewith
Docket No.: **12013/58502**
For: Thermal Regulation of a Coated Work-Piece During the Reconfiguration of the Coated Work-Piece

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4. Relevance of the non-English language reference(s) is discussed in the present specification.

5. The reference(s) was/were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference(s) appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

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9. The reference(s) was/were cited by or submitted to the Office in parent application No. 09/819,638, filed March 29, 2001, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Thus, copies of these references are not attached. 37 CFR §1.98(d).

10. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.

11. Since this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of U.S. references are not included.

Respectfully submitted,

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